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SUBJECT: BULGARIAN AIRLINER HIJACKED TO GREECE

1. FOLLOWING ARE BEST AVAILABLE DETAILS ON
HI-JACKING OF BULGARIAN AIRLINER TO THESSALONIKI
AFTERNOON JUNE 28, BASED ON CONFLICTING PRESS REPORTS JUNE 29
AND 30 AND LOCAL OFFICIAL CONTACTS.

2. BALKAN AIRLINES ANTONOV-24, IDENT. CZAN-G,
WITH CREW OF 4 AND 44 PASSENGERS WAS DIVERTED
FROM ROUTE PLOVDIV-VARNA (ONE ACCOUNT SAYS
SOFIA-VARNA) BY HIJACKER AND FORCED LAND
THESSALONIKI MIKRA AIRPORT AT 1650 LOCAL JUNE 28. HIJACKER
DESCRIBED AS ONE NODSIO IVANOV GAKOF (PHON) OR
BONTZO TANGOF (PHON), 28-YEAR OLD BUILDING TECH-
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NICIAN, THREATENED PILOTS WITH ALLEGORY FAKE BERETTA PISTOL.

NO AMERICANS REPORTED ABOARD, PASSENGERS ALL BULGARIAN, INCLUDING SEVEN CHILDREN. NO INJURIES REPORTED.

3. THESSALONIKI NOMARCH PROCEEDED AIRPORT AND REQUESTED INSTRUCTIONS FROM GREEK FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTRY. BULGARIAN CONSUL GENERAL AND STAFF MEMBERS ALSO WENT TO AIRPORT TO MEET WITH HIJACKER, WHO REFUSED SEE THEM AND REQUESTED POLITICAL ASYLUM IN GREECE. AIRCRAFT, PASSENGERS AND CREW RELEASED AND DEPARTED FOR BULGARIA 2230 LOCAL JUNE 28.

4. AFTERNOON "THESSALONIKI" JUNE 30 QUESTIONS WHETHER HIJACKER "PSYCHOPATH" AND REPORTS SOFIA HAS REQUESTED HIS EXTRADITION.
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